

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., minutes of December 8, 2010. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. There were 30 delegates present. Guests: Carl Lindsley, retired DEC Bear Specialist; Deming Lindsley; DEC CO; Terry Ward, President, Sullivan Co. Chamber of Commerce. A moment of silence was held for John R. Barnes, Yulan Rod & Gun Club; Herbert Brooks, Stony Brook Hunting Club and Stanley Poillon, Beaver Brook Rod & Gun Club and Yulan Rod & Gun Club. These gentlemen have long supported our Federation and helped us in any way they could at all of our Federation's events. We will miss them. Carl indicated the CWD check is over. He checked in on several meat cutters and they were about as busy as last year. Bear take has been spotty. Hunting population very low. Opening day 50 cars were checked and they had only 4 deer. Deming indicated there were several instances of hunting over bait and there were quite a few less hunters. There were two individuals who were hunting while intoxicated and they were arrested and their licenses will be revoked for 2 years if convicted. A few people shot at their deer decoy from cars. The biggest problem he had with the road check were with people transporting other people's deer. Remember to have proper paper work completed. A Conservation Officer in Pennsylvania was shot and killed by a person he was going to arrest. He noted that if you have already harvested your deer you can't hunt with a gun for deer but you can hunt for bear or coyote. Terry Ward, President of S.C. Chamber of Commerce spoke. She is working on a Sportsmen's Program to be held at the Villa Roma on Sept. 23 and 24 of 2011 and asked for our assistance. She is checking on dates for conflicts. We can set up a booth, do some sort of hands-on activity, sell tickets, etc. This will be held inside in the Villa Roma Sports Complex in the field house. President suggested we set up a committee as time grows near to work with Terry and to help with this event. She indicated the S.C. Chamber of Commerce will be meeting with our elected officials in Albany to try to get the opening of deer season pushed ahead to a Monday as it was in the past. Merchants as well as sportsmen from the city are very unhappy with the Saturday opening. Merchants claim they are losing money because the sportsmen from the city come up Friday with everything they need to hit the woods on Saturday morning. Sportsmen from the city indicated they liked the fellowship of the weekend and were all relaxed and ready to hunt on Monday and now they don't have that. There is unhappiness about the 3 on a side rule also as the chances of identifying a buck with 3 on a side are slim if they are in brush or running. Motion to dispense with reading November minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded, CARRIED.

#### BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Motion to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED. President read a letter from Frost Valley YMCA requesting a donation (see New Business). President read letter from the NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn. (see New Business). Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club is holding a Coyote Hunt. For information call (845)901-1111. A letter from the Unified Sportsmen of PA was read on their lawsuit concerning the condition of the PA deer herd in which they requested donations to continue their fight.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRES.: Predator contest has 160 entries which is low, and as indicated in the rules, prizes were based on many more entries. Committee will meet next month and unless entries increase prizes will have to be adjusted. So far we have 27 predators, 20 coyotes and 7 fox. We now have the tickets for our February Coyote Hunt. Anyone selling 10 tickets receives a free ticket, so contact Jack Danchak if you can help sell the tickets. The Budget Committee will be meeting when we hear from the County on our allocation. If this is delayed we will have our Budget Meeting sometime after our January Federation meeting.

SEC.: Your 2011 Federation dues are now payable and are \$50. An application is enclosed for your completion if you have any club changes, delegates, etc.

TRES.: No report.

COUNCIL DEL.: No report.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES;

FISH: No report.

SMALL GAME: Lots of turkeys and rabbits being seen.

BIG GAME: DEC announced an online form for citizens to report environmental violation, [www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/67751](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/67751). Persons can still make phone complaints by using DEC hotline at 1-800-TIPP-DEC (1-800-847-7332). Harvest report for 2010 regular firearms deer season opening weekend was up about 5% compared to opening weekend in 2009. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the Saturday opener (which most delegates did not like), deer management and the antler restriction.

CONS. ED.: Applications were handed out and if you want one for the DEC camp contact Keith Krauss at (845) 932-8923. Camp fee is increased to \$350. This year so we will decide, based on our budget and number of kids requesting to go, how many we can send.

FWMB: Meeting next month. Every county can submit one property with access problems. Our Federation, with member approval, will be submitting access to Washington Lake.

HABITAT: No report.

SWEEPSTAKES: To be discussed at our annual meeting.

SPORTSMEN'S ED.: No report.

DEP. Meeting formerly indicated to be held by the Town Board on the NYC Watershed Reservoir has been postponed at present.

NRA: HR 45 bill (which mandates a data base to record every gun owner, gun sale, etc.) is still alive, despite the fact that we were led to believe it was dead, is being revived.

SPORTSMEN'S AWARDS DINNER: Salmon and halibut donated so far. Save any extra game and fish you have for Kay for this dinner. Call her or bring to meeting.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Start thinking. June will be here soon.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to give a \$300. donation to Secretary and Treasurer, as in the past, for their work. Seconded, CARRIED. Motion to renew membership in the NYS. Rifle & Pistol Assn., Seconded, CARRIED. Motion to donate \$50. to Frost Valley for their Youth Program. Seconded, CARRIED. We will think about helping with the Outdoor Expo. and form a committee next month. Carl will look into dates for our Youth Ice Fishing Contest at Scouts, possibly the last Saturday in January. A \$50. memorial contribution in Stanley Poillon's name is being sent in his memory to Beaver Brook Rod & Gun Club for their Youth Fishing Derby.

Election of Officers for 2011 was held with a motion being made to cast one ballot for each candidate. There were no nominations from the floor. Unanimous decision made the following your 2011 officers: Jack Danchak, President; Hendrie A. Samyn, Jr., Vice. Pres.; Edna Calkin, Secretary; Ray Herbert, Treasurer; Keith Krauss, Trustee for 3 years. President thanked the member for their support and looked forward to a a great 2011. Motion to adjourn 9:27 p.m. Seconded, CARRIED. A wonderful spread of goodies was enjoyed at our Christmas Party following our meeting. Happy Holidays and a wonderful 2011 to all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Calkin, Secretary

Next meeting 7:30 p.m. Wed., 1/12/2011, Kauneonga Lk. Fire Hall.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.**

Member of New York State Conservation Council

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Location (give township & general information) \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICERS: President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate (Representative at Federation meetings) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Annual Elections \_\_\_\_\_

Is Club Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_ Date Organized \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_

Own Land \_\_\_\_\_ Lease Land \_\_\_\_\_ Post Land \_\_\_\_\_ Is Membership open \_\_\_\_\_

Is Membership Limited \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Meetings per Year \_\_\_\_\_

Has Club an active Conservation Program \_\_\_\_\_ Does Club assist in restocking of fish and game \_\_\_\_\_ Is your Club willing to assist the Federation on Committees \_\_\_\_\_

Club mail should be mailed to \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number – Delegate or Officer to get in touch with \_\_\_\_\_

If Club has Board of Directors or Steering Committee, please give the name and addresses of members \_\_\_\_\_

DUES ARE \$50. PER YEAR, CHECK PAYABLE TO FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULL. CO., INC.

RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECK TO SECRETARY:

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